



**Rabbi,  
we know  
that you  
are a  
teacher  
who has  
come from  
God;  
for no one  
can do  
these signs  
that you do  
apart from  
the  
presence  
of God.**

**John 3.2**

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**THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
*Second Lord's Day in Lent (A)*

**BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walkup, Pastor  
Mrs. Grace Shearer, Organist  
Mr. Tom Yousko, Liturgist  
Rev. Dr. James K. Smith, Sr., Pastor Emeritus

11.00 A.M.

March 8, 2020

**WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**  
*(Please be seated in silence)*

**First Organ Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Second Organ Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Antiphonal**

Leader: We come, O LORD, to hear your promise.

**People: *The promise rests on grace.***

Leader: You give life to the dead and hope to the despairing.

**People: *The promise rests on grace.***

Leader: You call into being that which did not exist before.

**People: *The promise rests on grace.***

Leader: You come to us through Jesus, who died for us.

**People:** *The promise rests on grace.*

Leader: You renew us in the power of your Holy Spirit

**People:** *Your grace comes to us by faith.*

## THE BODY IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

\*Hymn

#135

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*  
(First Tune Verses 1-4)

\*Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you**

L: Let us pray.

Leader: God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk as your children in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

### **\*Call to Confession**

Let us once more, before God and one another, confess our need to be born anew.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Unison**

*Merciful God of new beginnings, why do we settle for being born only once or even twice as if the world never changes, and as if we have no need for new encounters with you, new promptings of your Spirit, and new awakenings in our souls? Why do we turn your invitation into a mark of our own achievement, as if your life is anything other than an extravagant gift? We who stumble and fall in the dark so often now ask that you shine your perfect light upon us, and dispel the shadows of our fears and follies. Grant us grace to daily live with the courage, hope and love that reflects the glory of your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, as we pray, saying: "Our Father.....Amen.*

### **\*Silent Prayer**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Our help comes from the LORD, who not only made the heavens and the earth, but who also welcomes us into surprising new life in the world of his Spirit.

***Thanks be to God!***

**Gloria Patri**

**#546**

**The Peace**

**Offertory**

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- \*Organ Response** #552
- \*Prayer of Dedication**
- \*Doxology** #544
- \*Hymn** #304

*“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

**HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION**

**Prayer of Illumination** **Unison**  
*God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. Amen.*

**First Reading** Pew Bible pg. 10  
*Genesis 12:1-4a*

**Second Reading** Pew Bible pg. 154  
*Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

**Gospel Reading** Pew Bible pg. 93  
*John 3:1-17*

**Sermon** **Rev. Walkup**  
*“In the Garden”*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Apostles' Creed**

*Hymnal pg. 12; using "Holy Spirit"*

**Prayers of the People**

**WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

**\*Hymn**

**#INSERT**

*"In the Garden"*

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

***\*Please Stand if Able***

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**WORSHIP TEAM TODAY: Colleen Frey, Sean Frey, Craig Frey**

**WORSHIP TEAM NEXT WEEK: Jeri Stoehr, Rose Marie Neill, Vince Wisbar**

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***Bible Readings***



**SUNDAY:** "From Loss To Gain" Revelation 21:1-4

**MONDAY:** "Starry Skies" Psalm 8:1-9

**TUESDAY:** "Seeking And Waiting" 1 Kings 19:1-18

**WEDNESDAY:** "More Fruit" John 15:1-8

**THURSDAY:** "The Door Is Open" Joshua 10:5-15

**FRIDAY:** "Always With Us" Matthew 28:16-20

**SATURDAY:** "God's Strong Love" 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** *"Jesus said, "Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20 (NIV)*

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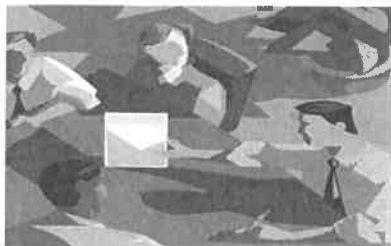
**Please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Pray for Jay Torrance, Dorothy Williams, Mary Ellen Shenkle, Brenda Torrance, George Briggs, Cheryl Harriet, Jock Murphy, Shirley Hahn, Lynne Smith, Sarah Harriett, Vince Wisbar, Teresa Fox and Eloise Berglund.**



Please keep **Nancy Brown** in your prayers. She was at **Jefferson Hospital** for a hip replacement. She is now at home recuperating from her surgery.



If you have **favorite hymns** that you would like **Grace Shearer** to play at a **church service** , write the hymns on the form provided on the hall table and place in the office. **Thank you.**



There will be a Session meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 700 PM. Copies of last month's minutes are on the hall table for the Elder's review.

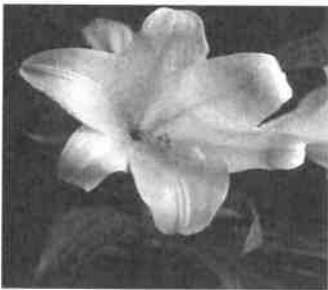
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

There will be a **Lenten Series every Wednesday, during Lent at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.** Please join us during **Lent** and prepare yourself for **Good Friday and Easter.** Our speaker for the **Lenten Series** will be **Dr. Robert Walkup, Pastor.** **Cookies, coffee and tea** will be provided.

Enclosed in the bulletin today, is the registration form for the **roast beef dinner** scheduled for **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.** Please complete the form and place on the offering plate. Deadline for registration is **March 15th.**

**UPPER ROOM:**

The **March/April 2020 *Upper Room* Magazines** are on the hall table. During the **Lenten Season,** it would be good to purchase a copy and read these daily devotions. The **Upper Room** observes the liturgical seasons both through meditations and through extra content..



Enclosed in the bulletin is the registration for Easter Lilies. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, complete the form on the back of the bulletin and place on the offering plate. The deadline for orders is **March 29<sup>th</sup>.**



# In the Garden

And they heard the voice of the Lord walking in the garden. . .

Austin Milés

— Genesis 3:8

GARDEN  
C. Austin Milés



1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is still on the  
2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their  
3 I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a-round me be



1 ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, The  
2 sing - ing, And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me With -  
3 fall - ing, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His



1 Son of God dis - clos - es.  
2 in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He  
3 voice to me is call - ing.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the



joy we share as we tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.





We are now accepting donations for the Easter Flowers to help beautify the Church for Easter. For a donation of **\$1.50** per name, we will list in a booklet on **Easter Sunday** your name and the name(s) of the person(s) you would like to remember or honor. This money will be used to purchase lilies for the Church on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to purchase a lily plant to be taken with you after the service on Easter, the price per plant is **\$10.00**. You may also leave the plant for a shut-in if you prefer.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you purchase a plant at **\$10.00**, it is **not** necessary to add the **\$1.50** charge to your order. Please fill in the form below and place it in the envelope with the money. You can place it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church office.

**PLEASE NOTE: LILIES WILL BE ORDERED FROM TERRY'S FLORIST, CASTE VILLAGE.**

**DEADLINE: March 29, 2020**

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**2020 EASTER LILIES**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ lily plant(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take the plant with me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will leave the plant for a shut-in.

I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the lilies.

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (As you wish it printed in the bulletin.)